

EDUCATIONAL JOTTINGS

BY COUNTY SUPT. C. D. MCNEEL

The allotment of four hundred and fifty dollars made by the Y. M. C. A. for giving correspondence courses to ex-soldiers has been exhausted and a new allotment of three hundred dollars made. Any ex-soldier may receive a free scholarship entitling him to a course in agriculture, architecture, civil engineering, bookkeeping, shorthand, automobile mechanics, English, mathematics, electrical machinery, steam engineering and many others. Application for these scholarships should be made immediately to the county superintendent of schools.

District Institutes will be held as follows: Greenbank District at Cass, October 15th; Huntersville District at Huntersville, Oct. 29th; Little Levels District at Hillsboro, Nov. 5th; Edray District at Marlinton, Nov. 5th.

A District Reading Circle will be held on the Saturday following the District Institute, and it may be possible for some rural teachers to attend both meetings before returning home thereby economizing money and mileage. Attendance at District Institutes is counted as time taught. Programs will be arranged and distributed.

Temporary Certificates good for one year will be issued to persons who have taken a four-years high school course plus six weeks normal training or other work in summer school. Having held an emergency certificate does not prevent the issuance of a temporary certificate.

Emergency certificates good for one year will be issued to persons who have attained the age of eighteen and who have not held an emergency certificate provided the applicant is a graduate of high school or equivalent. Persons who have held regular certificates of the first grade within the last five years may receive the emergency certificate. At some late date, an examination will be given on spelling, reading, arithmetic, geography, history and theory and art. Those passing this examination may receive emergency certificates. Under no circumstances will certificates be issued to persons who are under eighteen years of age, and no emergency certificate will be issued to parties who have held such certificate before.

About thirty vacancies exist in the schools of the county. By districts these vacancies are distributed as follows: Levels, six; Huntersville, six; Edray seven; Greenbank eleven. While this showing is poor enough, it is much better than at this time last year.

The increased salaries have brought in a number of first grade teachers from outside the county.

PETIT JURORS

The following citizens are summoned to appear before Judge of Circuit Court on Tuesday, October 5, 1920, to serve as petit jurors for the October term of court:

S. W. Hollandsworth, J. D. Payne, G. W. Allen, J. W. Bradley, Levi Baxter, Harper Beverage, (of Barlow), Amos McCarty, O. M. Hook, (O. M. Hook), Hubert Echols, W. H. Taylor, N. R. Fertig, Forrest May, Seymour Gladwell, Arch Spinks, C. W. Dilley, W. L. Hogsett, Ward Cleek, E. H. Landis, R. H. Aldridge, Richard Lewis, P. H. Bennett, Wallace Dilley Harvey Bright, B. C. Hays, Geo. H. Moore, G. C. Beard, J. Lanty McNeel, H. S. Burr, J. A. Reed, C. K. Moore, Elmer Baxter, Daggie White, W. K. Jackson, Clyde Waugh, C. E. Dennison, Ligon Price, G. A. McNeel, Coe Beverage, R. M. Beard, Floyd Baxter, J. B. Orndorff, Homer McNeill, G. B. Bleshop, J. S. Mace, Guy Greathouse.

Witness, G. W. Sharp, Clerk of said court, at the Court House of said county on this 10th day of September, 1920, and in the 55th year of the state.

G. W. Sharp, Clerk.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Brien, near Buckeye, September 8th a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Odie Johnson, at Riverside, September 9th a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Irvine, at Clover Lick, September 11 a son.

The laying of stone on the Campbelltown road is progressing. The road is closed for travel, detouring by way of Green Hill, and some crossing the river at the Island Ford.

A PLEA FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

(By a mere rural teacher)

Why haven't we better rural school buildings? Why aren't rural athletics better organized? Why aren't community centers so seldom found outside of magazines? Why are rural people so hard to interest in current movements? The answer to all these questions is this: Our rural teachers are not capable. Again "Why?" Because your perfect teacher found in the city system has so often gained the essential experience at the expense of the rural school. Because the preparation offered for rural teachers is so inadequate. Our training schools offer model classes of various kinds, wherein we are taught to keep large classes of children busy at a task suited to their uniform age for a given length of time.

When a student bravely confesses to a supervisor that she will have to teach several grades, the average supervisor says, "Ah! my dear, you will have to adjust yourself to conditions." Occasionally one is advised to correlate work, to put various classes together, thus organizing so as to work with the least possible loss of time.

So the young rural teacher goes forth, in many cases, to districts where civil war is continual. She finds seating inadequate, light poor, and last, but by no means least, she finds that she must "adjust" herself to keeping a roomful of children, whose ages vary from six to sixteen, busy at the work that is suited to their various grades. The "new teacher" gives out lists of books, frames a program and plays at intermission. (You know many boards of trustees will not hear of a school-closing before 4 p. m.) Having spent some time in dividing all the janitor work, she thinks the work of this day completed.

When she reaches her boarding place, it is to feel flattered because Mrs. A. wishes to speak with her over the telephone. On picking up the receiver she is told that, "my child" must not sit with the little Jones boy; not even if it is the only seat where his feet can touch the floor. One change in seating and lo! everyone wants to change seats or seat-mates, "because you let Johnny."

Correlating work is often criticized as being "new-fangled." Then we have the parent who thinks the A. B. C's are the essential. These A. B. C's fail to do what they should do. The "school-mia'am," for she has very few pupils in one class and many rural people feel this the thing to do when "Johnny ain't learnin' nothin'."

Can you blame her for going to town at the end of the year? Can you blame her because the children have not had a successful year?—Ex.

HUNTERSVILLE CHURCH

Methodist Church.
Rev. Elmer C. Sloane, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 19th. The Pastor will preach at Mt. Vernon, 10:45 a. m. Bethel, 3:00 p. m. and Huntersville, 7:30 p. m.

The District Conference meets at White Sulphur Springs, Monday Sept. 20th at 7:30 p. m. and adjourns Thursday, Sept. 23rd at 4:00 p. m. The charge will be represented by the Pastor and the following delegates: W. H. Grose, Dr. G. M. Jordan, Mrs. Hevener Dilley, Walter Pritchard and J. C. Lory. The alternate delegates are, Mrs. A. D. Cash, J. H. Lowe and Ward Harper.

MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Light, D. D., Pastor.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Preaching morning and evening by the pastor.

Lewisburg District Conference of the M. E. Church South, meets at White Sulphur Springs next Monday, September 20.

The session will probably last two or three days. Dr. Light will attend and the following are the delegates from Marlinton church: F. M. Sydnor, W. J. Yeager, S. J. Rexrode, W. A. Eskridge, G. F. Crummett, Mrs. S. J. Rexrode, R. C. May and C. J. Richardson.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank King, Sunday August 12th a son, Thomas Edwin.

Ladies' fall hats now on sale at the Red Store on Seneca Trail, Mrs. S. E. Kennison, proprietor.

ELECTION LAWS TO BE REVISED

LEGISLATURE FACILITATES THE VOTING OF WOMEN IN THE COMING ELECTION.

Democratic Leaders Encouraged Over Reports to State Headquarters From Every County Throughout the State.—Strength of Cox and Roosevelt Is Growing Daily.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 15.—The biggest event of the present political campaign in West Virginia was the assembling here yesterday of the State Legislature for the purpose of changing the registration and election laws to facilitate the voting of the women in the coming election.

Though enfranchised by the Anthony amendment to the federal constitution, the women of West Virginia, under the present registration law, as construed by Attorney General English, would have had no adequate opportunity of being registered, and, therefore, would have been robbed of their newly-won vote.

Governor Cornwell's interpretation of the present law, under which he originally decided not to call the Legislature together, was that the registrars could make up the lists of all the women in their precincts prior to the two days in which they will sit publicly to correct the lists.

General English's opinion, however, being binding until reversed by court, held that the women to be registered would have to appear personally during the two days. This meant that only a few of them, particularly in populous sections, could have been registered.

As all persons, to be entitled to vote in West Virginia, must be registered, it was imperative that the Legislature be called upon to change the law so that a full, legal registration of the women might be made.

Then, as the Attorney General declared in his opinion, there are hundreds of precincts in the state which, with the women voting, will have so many voters that it would have been physically impossible for all of them to cast their ballots on election day. So it was necessary that the county courts be authorized by the Legislature to make provisions in these large precincts.

The last week has been a propitious one for the Democratic campaign in this state. Encouragements have come to state headquarters from every county. The Democratic leaders are united as never before in their determination for victory.

The strength of Cox and Roosevelt in the state is daily growing, and the party leaders at state headquarters believe it will continue to grow to election day. West Virginia, above everything else, is not reactionary.

The progressive policies for which Governor Cox and Mr. Roosevelt stand are taking with the people of this state as the progressive policies of Theodore Roosevelt, on a different ticket, took with them a few years ago.

Arthur B. Kootz, Democratic nominee, is shown by information received at state headquarters to have by far the best chance of any of the office candidates for election to the office of Governor. This is not only the positive opinion of the Democratic leaders, but is admitted by thousands of Republicans, some of whom supported Morgan, and Montgomery.

The Democrats are positive of it, first, because the whole Democratic party in the state is united behind him; second, because they believe the vote of the women will be strongly in his favor; third, because the Republicans are divided in their support of Morgan, on the regular Republican ticket, and Montgomery, the independent Republican candidate; and fourth, because all classes of citizens can vote for Kootz knowing he is not prejudiced against any of them.

Republicans admit it, first, because there are many of them who will vote for Kootz, not being reconciled to the methods used in securing Morgan's nomination; second, because there are others who do not think Judge Morgan has a chance of election and are afraid of Montgomery's alleged class prejudices; and third, because there are still others who do not believe Mr. Montgomery can be elected and fear Morgan's alleged obligations to a certain clique of coal operators and politicians.

The great body of honest labor in the state has nothing to fear in the election of Mr. Kootz, because he has promised it and every other class a square deal, and he is not obligated to any of the interests which labor complains has not been given it a square deal. Furthermore, Mr. Kootz has declared himself unalterably opposed to the private guard system, and has pledged himself to the enforcement of law and order through the legally appointed officers of the state of West Virginia.

Brannon Knows the Law.

For Attorney General, the Democratic party is presenting Edward A. Brannon, of Weston, a son of the late much beloved and honored Judge Henry Brannon, of the Supreme Court of Appeals. Mr. Brannon, however, has won distinction on his own behalf, both as a lawyer and as a member of the state legislature.

ROAD PHILOSOPHY

After almost a whole year of strenuous effort, in all weathers, work has been temporarily suspended on the Huntersville road project, leaving the work in a curiously unfinished condition. During the entire time since the operation commenced travel conditions have been unspeakably bad, and the public much inconvenienced thereby. Vast sums of money have been paid out of the County and National treasury as the work progressed and yet the job is unfinished and the contacting company unable to proceed.

In the Edray district a similar project has recently been completed, (about two miles of macadam near Buckeye) which was three years in building, at a cost not precisely known, but which undoubtedly was very large, considering the quantity and quality of the work. It is presumed that some of the district road funds, levied at the very high rate of 30 cents on the hundred dollars went into this work, in addition to county and state funds, as very little has been expended on the ordinary upkeep of the district roads during the time the Buckeye job was dragging its slow length along.

I have been asked what can be done to help the admitted poor system of road building. My answer is, more attention to the important question of cost and time involved in the completion of a given project, and more efficiency in the engineering and constructing departments.

I realize perfectly that candid speaking is so rare a quality in a candidate for political office, that he utters truth only at the risk of having his words used effectively against him.

What is meant by considering costs of construction is that the work be laid out in such a manner that ordinary curves in the road be left and slight grades also. It is the insisting on these points that contributes enormously to excessive cost. Heavy grades and abrupt curves we will always have with us in mountainous terrain, therefore why the insistence on speedways?

Earth roads we will have with us for many years, therefore we must give more attention to their building and upkeep and improvement. The earth road is a good road for about eight months of the year, and the money expended on annual upkeep is well spent.

It is admitted by the best business brains of the country that the present time is a post-war period of unsettled conditions and expended values, therefore it is a time to go slow on the big contract; to use the time honored expression, bite off no more than you can chew.

N. R. Price.

BURR

Make hay while the sun shines, is being practiced in our neighborhood.

Dennis Underwood who has been very ill is recovering slowly.

Some of our young people attended Sunday school on Beaver Creek last Sunday which they reported progressing nicely.

Ernest Burr is preparing to take up his third year work in High School, at Hillsboro.

Charley Ryder of North Fork, lost a valuable cow by being choked on an apple.

Willie Rogers of North Fork, is helping W. S. Smith make hay.

A. G. Dean, made a trip to Burr Valley last Sunday.

MINGO MONUMENT—CHANGE IN DATE

The public ceremonies attending the unveiling of the monument at Mingo to mark the place of the last Indian habitation in West Virginia, is set for Saturday, September 25th, instead of the 23rd as previously announced.

VETERAN GONE

Andrew Sheets died at his home at Cass last Tuesday, September 7, 1920, aged 87 years. His death was very sudden, falling off his chair. He is survived by his two daughters, Mrs. Nannie Morris and Miss Lucy. His wife died about a year ago. Burial on Wednesday at the Sheets family graveyard in the Hills. Services conducted by Revs. Rosenberger, Blackhurst and Gray.

Mr. Sheets was the last surviving member of his family. During the war between the states he was a brave Confederate soldier in the 31st Virginia Infantry, serving the entire four years. He was a good citizen. For more than forty years he had been a member of the Methodist Church.

Sistersville.—Riggs Brothers, well-known orchardists are going in for good farming on a large scale. They have received a consignment of 252 head in a double-decked stock car. This is the first time goat raising has been attempted in West Virginia on an extensive scale.

Wheeling.—Mrs. Adolph Becker, of Chantal Court, was badly cut about the face and body when the car in which she and her husband were riding, was struck while on the National road near the bottom of Wheeling hill by a Cleveland car, one of a train being driven through to Maryland.

Married, at the Manse in Marlinton, September 15, 1920, Roy Keillon and Miss Mamie Gelger, by Rev. J. M. Walker, officiating minister.

West Virginia News Cullings

An epitome of most important events transpiring in the state

Huntington.—City commissioners have cut the city tax levy to 75 cents, instead of 80, as previously decided upon.

Huntington.—County tax levy has been cut one cent. The new figure is 4 cents on every hundred dollars' valuation.

Petersburg.—The Potomac Valley Bank of this city has been approved as a new institution by the state banking commissioner.

Wheeling.—Mrs. Geo. Moesinger was badly crushed when her horses became unmanageable and her wagon crashed into a fence.

Charleston.—Naval recruiting officers are searching for Rupert Janvry, who was gassed overseas and entitled to a silver victory button.

Lewisburg.—B. E. Smith has brought to town the fossil tooth of a megatherium, an animal of the sloth family, from his camp at Pence Springs.

Charleston.—Nearly 3,000 school teachers took the third uniform teachers' examination, held throughout the state recently. Grades are being prepared.

Charleston.—A controversy over a contract to sell school supplies brought about a \$50,000 damage suit. D. M. Jones asks that amount in damages from the Theodore Kunst Co.

Huntington.—The B. & O. Railroad, according to a request of the Chamber of Commerce, is completely moving a hill which obstructs the view of motorists traveling a parallel highway.

Rodney.—Forty-nine of the 55 West Virginia counties had pupils in the state deaf school and 34 counties had representatives in the blind school last year.

Morgantown.—Rumors that a \$6,000,000 coal land deal was pending here was confirmed by M. M. Cochran, of Uniontown, Pa. The deal contemplated the purchase of 13,000 acres of coal land.

Sistersville.—Arthur Spencer, 11, of Middlebourne, was probably fatally shot by his playmate and cousin, Adam Ash, 14, of Pleasant View. The contents of the shotgun were emptied in the boy's back. The shooting is believed to have been accidental.

Huntington.—Shot four times by two men whom he attempted to place under arrest for riding a freight train, Bob McClain, Chesapeake and Ohio railway detective, is in a serious condition in a local hospital. The shooting occurred at Salt Rock, Cabell county.

Huntington.—Conspicuous among the registrants at the police station was a 14-year-old boy, a day laborer at one of the city's industrial plants, who was arrested by Patrolman Harris on a charge of smoking cigarettes. In police court the youngster was discharged.

Huntington.—Society women of this city have taken up cycling as a recreation. A sensation was caused when Miss Janet Hatch, Miss Catherine Eastlow, Miss Jennie Hatch and Miss Eloise Campbell, society leaders, appeared on the streets on bicycles, and prominent young women are following their lead.

Charleston.—Thirty delegates from Fayette and neighboring counties held a joint conference with the State Board of Public Works and the State Board of Control, and pleaded for continuance of the West Virginia trade school at Montgomery, a branch of the West Virginia University until two years ago, as a preparatory school for colleges. The board announced some time ago that they were planning to turn the institution into a school for colored deaf and blind. Definite action has been deferred.

Charleston.—Ed Scott, miner, of Kaywood, Cabin Creek District, and former Executive Board member of District 17, United Mine Workers, was shot through the lungs and probably fatally wounded at a miners' meeting at Whitesville, Boone County, on Big Coal River. The bullet was fired, according to eye witnesses, by Tom Akers, special constable, who came to the meeting to serve a peace warrant on Scott. The latter, witnesses said, was in the act of pulling his gun when the officer fired.

Huntington.—Co-operation of Huntington residents who were missed in the first census of the city with the Census Bureau at Washington is necessary for a complete enumeration of the city. H. E. Mathews, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has pointed out. Individual census blanks have been mailed from Washington to each of the persons named by the Chamber of Commerce as having been missed in the original count. It is imperative that these blanks be filled and mailed back to Washington as quickly as possible, Mr. Mathews said.

This Week's Arrivals

Full line of gingham, outings, muslins, voiles, chambrays, curtain goods, men's and ladies' fine hose, men's ties, etc.

We carry in stock a full line of general merchandise of the highest quality on the market and at popular prices. Come in and see us.

Adwell Retail Store

Bartow, W. Va.

DIES IRAE

By ANNA L. PRICE

In a dream of the night I was lifted away,
By the thoughts of my mind to the Judgment day;
And hard hearted sinners who would not repent,
Find now to their sorrow God's mercy is spent.

He gave them full time and a conscience to feel,
From hurt and dire sickness how oft did He heal;
Receiving His mercies they scorned Him who gave,
And His richest blessing, a Savior to save.

The air is surcharged with a sulphurous fume,
A third part of sunlight is shrouded in gloom,
The moon and stars sicken, the earth quakes with fear,
Day of wrath approaching—'tis already here.

Where are the Christians? Ah, in holy estate,
Or in refuge at Pella beyond the gate;
Gone are the preachers, the churches and all,
And over the world is a funeral pall.

Swear, on break the laws, wicked ones that ye be,
God has let you alone, ye are perfectly free,
But He'll bring you to judgment, you shall stand at his bar,
Condemned and convicted and the day is not far.

I awoke from my dream heart-sick and in pain,
I ask not to dream in such fashion again;
But God's hatred at sin in His word is revealed,
And the end of the wicked must not be concealed.

Do you ask to be saved, how and whither to flee?
I point you to Jesus and Mount Calvary;
Repent and believe, cast your vile sins away,
And hasten, O sinner to escape while you may!

September, 1920,

Miss Ella Pritchard is showing the prettiest lot of hats at Dunmore, W. Va., that you will find. Call and see them.—Adv.

Sale Of Valuable Real Estate

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, on the 5th Day of October 1920, at 1:00 p. m. at the front door of the Court House of said County, in the town of Marlinton, will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following described real-estate:

A certain lot or track of land located one and a half miles east of Hillsboro, containing 228, 3-10 acres, and being the County Infirmary property, owned by Pocahontas county, and used as a County poor farm.

This land is a valuable farming and grazing proposition, located in a fine neighborhood, and is rich blue grass land.

Terms: One third cash and the balance in one and two years, with interest from date of sale, the purchaser to execute notes with personal security, to be approved by the county court.

In the event of the sale the Court will reserve the dwelling house and all cottages and outbuildings and the garden until the first day of November, 1921.

Dated this 8th day of September, 1920.

Dr. U. H. Hannah, President
J. S. McNeel,
W. H. Barlow,
Commissioners.

Teacher Wanted

The trustees of the Slaty Fork School wish to contract with a teacher, for the coming term. Applicants will please communicate with L. D. Sharp, Page Hannah and S. M. Gibson, Slaty Fork, W. Va.

Monuments and Tombstones

None Better than SOUTHERN MARBLE and GRANITE WORKS
Z. S. SMITH, Agent
Marlinton W. Va.

25c Twenty-five Cents 25c

This Coupon is good for 25c in repairing at Fortune's Shoe Repairing Shop, Marlinton, if presented on Friday, Saturday or Monday, September 17, 18 and 20, when accompanied by shoes needing repairing. Good only on the above three days.

G. P. Fortune

Marlinton, W. Va.

Thrift for the School Child

Knowledge is power and to gain knowledge many books must be studied—books on geography, history, grammar, arithmetic and the like. But knowledge without action is valueless.

Enthusiasm and determination are necessary. To give these to the school child another book is needed—a Bank Book. This encourages boys and girls to practise Thrift, and Thrift fires them with enterprise and ambition and sets them on a sure, straight path to success.

The First National Bank

Marlinton, W. Va.
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